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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 30TH UNGA

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1. REFTEL NAMED COSPONSORS OF KOREAN RESOLUTION FOR 30TH UNGA. GROUP OF OTHER POSSIBLE COSPONSORS LISTED, MOST CHOSEN ON BASIS COSPONSORSHIP FRIENDLY RESOLUTION IN 1974.

2. JUDGED BY LAST YEAR'S VOTES, OMISSION OF SIERRA LEONE FROM LIST UNDERSTANDABLE. RECENT ACTIONS BY GOSL, HOWEVER, INDICATE POSSIBLE MODERATING OF GOSL POSITION

ON MANY INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. DISPUTE OVER CREDENTIALS NEW SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR AND HIS SUBSEQUENT BEHAVIOR HAVE CAUSED GOSL TO FACE SQUARELY MEANING OF NONALIGNMENT AS IT RELATES TO KOREAN QUESTION.

3. EXTENT OF GOSL SHIFT IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WITHOUT ISSUE ON WHICH TO TEST IT. AND PRC DOES MAINTAIN SIGNIFICANT AID PROGRAM HERE FOR WHICH GOSL OBVIOUSLY GRATEFUL. NEVERTHELESS, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT MUCH CAN BE GAINED BY REQUESTING GOSL COSPONSORSHIP OF
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OUR 1975 KOREAN RESOLUTION. REQUEST WOULD BE IN CON-

TEXT OF RESPONSE TO PLEA BY PRESIDENT STEVENS THREE
WEEKS AGO THAT WORLD NOT IGNORE FACT THAT SMALL,
NONALIGNED COUNTRY LIKE SIERRA LEONE ANXIOUS TO BE
CALLED UPON TO PLAY ROLE IN HELPING RESOLVE DIFFICULT
WORLD PROBLEMS.

4. ALTHOUGH GOSL COSPONSORSHIP BY NO MEANS CERTAIN,
VERY FACT THAT WE CONSIDERED HER A POSSIBILITY AND
APPROACHED HER, SEEN IN CONTEXT OF MODERATING MOMENTUM.
MAY HELP TO ENSURE THAT GOSL AT LEAST ABSTAINS ON
KOREAN ISSUES AT UNGA. ACCORDING TO SOUT KOREAN
AMBASSADOR LEE, MOVE TO ABSTENTION WAS MOST REPEAT MOST SOUTH KOREA
FELT POSSIBLE ONLY SIX WEEKS AGO.

5. BELIEVE THERE IS NOTHING TO LOSE AND MUCH TO GAIN
FROM ABOVE APPROACH.

6. REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE WITH EMBASSY'S
PROCEEDING WITH REQUEST FOR GOSL TO COSPONSOR.
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